

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING May 11, 2015 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spratt called the meeting of May 11, 2015, to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Hurlock Town Office located at 311 Charles Street. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Councilman Charles Cephas said the opening prayer. The roll call was then taken. Those in attendance were: Council members Bonnie Franz, Charles Cephas, Earl Murphy, Attorney Robert Merriken, Mayor Joyce Spratt, and Administrator John Avery. Councilman Rhue was absent.

Councilman Murphy made a Motion to approve the Agenda with two changes.

**County Council man Rick Price Report** - Council man Price was unable to attend the meeting, but Mayor Spratt had a report from him to read. (see attached report).

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Spratt reported that Chief of Police Les Hutton's wife passed away yesterday afternoon. The services are Wednesday. The viewing is 11-1. Mrs. Hutton was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer two months ago to the day. Monroe Quales' daughter passed away at the age of 34. Marlin Parker's mother passed away and the services were today.

The Provident State Bank building has been sold and will soon be the site of a new business.

State Comptroller Peter Franchot is coming to the Town of Hurlock on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He will be visiting the high school and the solar facility.

The fund raiser held last week for the Huttons was very successful.

A call was received today from Elizabeth Chicca regarding a program at the library.

The Girl Scouts are going to be doing a project at the Glen Oak Hotel called Flag Poles &

Flower Garden. Mrs. Vaughn Evans is active with the scouts and will be assisting.

Police Officer Johnny Beasley saved a young girls life while fishing in Sharptown. A two year old child was found wandering around by the river and no one was with her. He met with the sheriff and found the dad was asleep when the child left the house. They found the mother walking around. Mayor Spratt presented Officer Beasley a Statue commending him for his actions.

### **Department Reports –**

**Police Department –** No report

**Fire Department –** David Carrier reported that he will be moving up to Medic Status. The new Cardiac Monitor is now in service. The fire company has had many calls for service.

**Old Business –** Administrator Avery explained funds needed by the Police Station and the Water Main Replacement. Councilman Cephas made a Motion to approve additional funding for the police department. Councilman Murphy seconded the Motion. With no one opposed and all in favor, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 3-0.

**Council Comments –** Councilman Cephas spoke about affordable housing for police officers. He spoke to the police and sheriff's departments about a project to help new officers afford houses. Councilman Cephas expressed how sorry he was to hear Chief Hutton's wife had gone to be with the Lord. He spoke of his respect for the Chief and what a rough month it has been for everyone. His hope is to bring a community center to the Town for residents of all ages. He spoke what happened in Baltimore and said if it was not for the police, he would not be able to sit on his porch at night.

Mayor Spratt announced the Town Office would close at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday for JoAnn Hutton's funeral.

Councilman Murphy expressed how good it is to know everyone can come together with just a phone call. A lot of generous people came together in donations and support for the Veteran's Memorial Park. If anyone has any questions or concerns, he said to contact him. The memorial is as close to getting done as it has ever been. He asked the residents to attend the County Council meeting on Tuesday night. Councilman Murphy also spoke about the Beulah Landfill.

Mayor Spratt will get a letter to them before the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

Councilwoman Franz sent prayers to the Hutton family.

Mayor Spratt announced the next meeting, on May 26<sup>th</sup>, would be a hearing for rezoning. There was discussion regarding meetings in June. The meetings in June will be as scheduled. There will only be one in July.

Attorney Merriken spoke regarding the anti-urination ordinance. The Ordinance, 2015-5 was

introduced by Councilman Cephas.

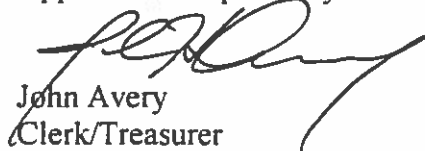
Reverend Dickerson spoke about Chief Hutton.

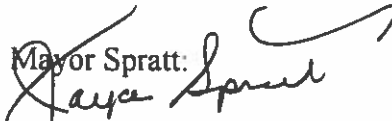
Councilman Cephas made a Motion for the Mayor & Council to go to a closed session to consult with counsel and staff for legal opinions regarding Waterland Fisheries. Councilman Murphy seconded the Motion. With no one opposed and everyone in favor, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 3-0.

It was stated the Mayor & Council would not be returning to open session.

With no further business, the meeting of May 11, 2015 was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved: Respectively submitted,

  
John Avery  
Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Spratt:  


Council members: